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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO GUAYAQUIL: TOUGH LINE RE CIVILIAN
POLITICAL ACTIVITY

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1. GUAYAQUIL IS GRADUALLY RECOVERING FROM A FIVE-DAY ORGY OF

CIVIC SELF-CONGRATULATION CULMINATING IN THE CELEBRATION
(JULY 24) OF THE NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OFF JAMBELI, ECUADOR'S SOLE
"MILITARY SUCCESS" IN THE 1941 WAR WITH PERU, AND THE 435TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF GUAYAQUIL (JULY 25). HIGHLIGHT
OF THE FESTIVITIES WAS THE PRESENCE OF GEN. RODRIGUEZ LARA IN
GUAYAQUIL DURING MOST OF THE PAST WEEK.

2. THE PRESIDENT, IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A "HARD LINE" AND
A "NEW DIRECTION FOR INTERNAL POLITICS," ANNOUNCED THE
APPARENT END OF TOLERANCE FOR, AND A NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST,
THE RECENT TENTATIVE MOVEMENT TOWARD TRADITIONAL POLITICAL
ACTIVITY (REFTEL). IN THE OPENING PHRASES OF HIS KEYNOTE
SPEECH RODRIGUEZ CRITICIZED THE "ABSURD ENDEAVOR OF SOME
PEOPLE...ALLEGING A SUI GENERIS HEREDITARY RIGHT...TO IMPOSE,
THROUGH THE MOST SCANDALOUS FALSIFICATION OF DEMOCRACY, THE
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OPINION OF TINY AND DISCREDITED MINORITIES." INSTEAD, THE

ARMED FORCES, FIRMLY UNITED, CONSCIOUS OF ITS PLEDGE TO "OPEN A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF ECUADOR" AND "CLEANSE ITS POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE," WOULD PUT AN END TO THE "BASTIONS OF PRIVILEGE AND INJUSTICE," PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BETTERMENT OF THE ECUADOREAN PEOPLE, AND TERMINATE THE "ROUTINE CORRUPTION," THE "SELFISH MANEUVERING" AND THE "CRIMINAL GAME" OF THE "PSEUDO POLITICIANS." IN SHORT, THE NATIONALIST REVOLUTION WAS NOT, AND WOULD NOT BECOME, "JUST ANOTHER CUARTELAZO."

3. IN CONCLUSION, RODRIGUEZ WARNED THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAD "USED UP ITS TOLERANCE" AND WAS "AWARE OF ITS DUTY AND THE URGENT NECESSITY" TO BE "DURO" WITH "HIDDEN SUB-SUVERSION," POLITICAL MANEUVERING, ATTEMPTS TO CORRUPT THE MILITARY AND, ESPECIALLY, THE DISLOYALTY OF THOSE WHO PRESUME TO SPEAK OUT IN THE ARMED FORCES' BEHALF. THIS LAST APPEARS DIRECTED AT EX-MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT VALDIVIESO WHO, EARLIER IN THE WEEK, HAD PUBLISHED A THINLY-VEILED ACCUSATION OF INCOMPETENCE AND CORRUPTION AGAINST HIS FORMER MILITARY COLLEAGUES. THE SERIOUSNESS OF RODRIGUEZ'S THREAT IS HIGHLIGHTED BY A SUBSEQUENT POLICE RAID ON VALDIVIESO'S GUAYAQUIL HOME. APPARENTLY FOREWARNED, VALDIVIESO CONTINUES AT LARGE BUT WITH A DETENTION ORDER HANGING OVER HIS HEAD. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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